

**Removal Action Branch Weekly Report**  
**June 27, 2018**  
**Enforcement Confidential**

**RA or DD updates for the week of June 29, 2018:**

**Hot Issues:**

**Past Week:**

**Upcoming:**

**Other Items of Special Interest:**

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**Non-RA Highlights:**

**ALLIED TEXTILE PRINTING – PATERSON, NJ – Budroe**

On June 26, 2018, EPA provided revisions regarding the Cultural Resource Survey Report. A conference call is also being scheduled with the cultural resource survey subcontractor to discuss EPA's concerns regarding the report.

ERRS has been unable to determine the function and ownership of the pipe which runs underneath the Colt Gun Bridge. This information is required to obtain a competitive bid for the bridge augmentation engineering design. The RST3 contractor will be tasked with this assignment.

**BARRY BRONZE BEARING – CAMDEN, NJ – Petty**

RAES continued planning for a residential lead soil sampling event. EPA visited the Site on June 18, 2018, to attempt to gain access to properties. To date, only one access agreement has been obtained. EPA visited the Camden Director of City Properties to obtain access to two city-owned properties for sampling. The City usually requires a waiver to be signed. The OSC is attempting to begin a discussion between the city attorney and EPA's Site attorney to bypass this requirement. A civil investigator began to track down the property owners that have been difficult to find. The OSC, attorney and civil investigator are working to obtain access to these properties.

**BRILLO LANDFILL – VICTORY, NY - Gallo**

ERRS completed all Site prep work and initiated excavation activities in the northern-most area of the Site, the former drum staging area, on June 25, 2018. Approximately 50% of that area has been excavated and cleared to the groundwater at approximately five feet below grade. An inspection of the work and conditions was conducted on June 26, 2018 by the EPA OSC, NYSDEC Project Manager and the NYSDEC Contractor. A few remnants (pieces) of drums were identified and removed, as well as small quantities of waste materials.

RST conducted baseline air sampling for VOCs prior to the initiation of excavation activities and has deployed Area RAE monitors in accordance with the site-specific CAMP.

#### **CANADIAN RADIUM AND URANIUM - MOUNT KISCO, NY – Gaughan**

EPA is still attempting to gain access to the property located north of the former Canadian Radium and Uranium Site. EPA and ORC are negotiating with the current owner's attorney. EPA would like to gain access to the property to conduct a gamma radiation survey of the entire property, collect radon canister samples, and install up to ten borings and collect samples for radiation parameters. The owner is concerned that the current tenant may break their lease on the property and he would then be left with an unusable property. Negotiations will continue.

Also, EPA is in discussions with the NYSDEC concerning a possible additional depositional area of radioactive material at the former Mt. Kisco Waste Water Treatment Plant located approximately 1.5 miles south of the main Canadian Radium and Uranium Site. The NYSDEC and NYC DEP are negotiating an order for the NYC DEP to perform a full radiation investigation at the former WWTP. Negotiations continue as well.

#### **COLUMBIA SMELTING AND REFINING WORKS – BROOKLYN, NY – Gregor, LaPoma**

Public meeting to announce the start of construction is scheduled for July 11, 2018 at the Red Hook Library. Revised fact sheet was sent to PAD for the RA's review on June 26, 2018. The draft Construction Plan for Ball Fields 5 through 8 is expected June 29, 2018. The RMCRS has indicated that the review of the oversight bill will be completed this week and ready for circulation.

#### **DEFERIET PAPER MILL – DEFERIET, NY – Petty, Glenn**

EPA continued devising potential ACM removal plans and cost estimates. The OSCs spoke to Brookfield Energy on June 25, 2018, to discuss options. Brookfield Energy may still be interested in a collaborative effort.

#### **EC ELECTROPLATING (NPL) - GARFIELD, NJ – Graham**

The OSC and RST, in coordination with PAD and the RPM, continue to respond to hexavalent chromium inspection requests for properties located in the vicinity and downgradient of the former EC Electroplating facility. A basement inspection was conducted at a Willard Avenue property on June 26, 2018.

#### **EIGHTEENMILE CREEK (NPL) - LOCKPORT, NY – Kish**

RAB continues to support the ongoing Remedial Investigation for Operable Unit-4. EPA initiated a fourth residential soil sampling event on June 26, 2018. The sampling is anticipated to be completed by June 28.

#### **FORMER COVIDIEN PLANT - ORISKANY FALLS, NY - Glenn, Richards**

EPA has received and reviewed the analytical data from samples collected during the May 2018 event. Results indicate the presence of chrysotile asbestos at the Site at concentrations of 40% and at 23% in samples collected from the Alabam Road property. EPA generated options and cost estimates for the performance of a removal action at both properties. Following a review of the options with management a removal strategy has been formulated. An Action Memorandum is being drafted.

On June 26, 2018, EPA communicated with the property owner. EPA provided an update of the findings, particularly analytical results and conditions of the Site. The property owner confirmed an inability to perform or pay for performance of a removal action.

**FORMER STANDARD SHADE ROLLER - OGDENSBURG, NY - Glenn**

Based on the results of the April 2018 sampling event, a removal action is warranted for addressing PCB contaminated areas concentrated near the foundation of the former Maintenance Garage/Paint Shop. A draft Action Memorandum is currently under review. ORC has been requested to provide an attorney for legal assistance.

**ITHACA GUN - ITHACA, NY – Graham**

A sampling program for the collection of soil samples from the 200-foot high cliff face for delineating the fate and transport of lead contamination from the Ithaca Gun Site into the Fall Creek Natural Area is being developed. Sampling of the cliff face has been tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2018 and will be coordinated with NYSDEC and the City of Ithaca.

RAB in coordination with the Pre-Remedial Section has drafted a letter for the Regional Administrator's signature in response to an Ithaca resident's request that the Ithaca Gun Site be reevaluated for inclusion on EPA's NPL.

**NIAGARA FALLS BOULEVARD - NIAGARA FALLS, NY – Lisichenko**

The results of waste characterization samples collected the week of May 25, 2018 are expected later this month. Once the data is received, the information will be used to generate RFPs for disposal. A project removal plan and schedule will be finalized shortly thereafter. It is anticipated the removal action will be initiated later this summer.

**RARITAN BAY SLAG (NPL) - OLD BRIDGE, NJ – Confortini, Mitchell (RPM)**

ERRS personnel and equipment arrived on-site on June 25, 2018. Final grading and planting of the freshwater wetlands was completed on June 27, 2018.

Daily inspections of the work completed by The Dawson Corporation were conducted by the Site Professional Wetlands Scientist (PWS).

A weekly progress meeting with the RPM was held on June 26, 2018. During this meeting, July 16, 2018 was chosen as the date to conduct the first follow-up inspection of the restored areas of the Site. The RPM informed the OSC that a site inspection with trustees would be conducted on July 19, 2018.

Demobilization of the remaining support facilities was completed on June 28, 2018.

At this time, approximately 95% of the remedial action has been completed. Remaining activities include completing a post-construction survey and the weekly monitoring of site conditions by the PWS.

**RICKETT'S DRY CLEANING - BALLSTON SPA, NY – Graham**

A Closeout letter transferring future responsibility for the Site to the NYSDEC is being drafted for concurrence.

The OSC and PAD have provided written responses to two public inquiries regarding EPA's ongoing and future involvement with the Site.

**RIVERSIDE AVENUE ASBESTOS DUMP (Building 7 Asbestos (RV5)) – NEWARK, NJ - Rosoff**

Building #7 asbestos removal, transportation and disposal was completed at the Site this week.

#### **SHAMROCK ENTERPRISES - FRANKLINVILLE, NJ – KISH**

Compressed gas cylinder specialists IES, with the support of ERRS and RST, continued inventorying, evaluating and segregating cylinders. Through June 26, 2018, 414 cylinders have been evaluated. To date, all non-fuel cylinders have been inventoried. Inventory and processing of acetylene cylinders was initiated on June 20. More than half of the acetylene cylinders have been empty. The empties are being de-valved and must vent for 30 days before they can ship for disposal.

The first load of empty acetylene cylinders was shipped off-site for disposal (260 cylinders). ERRS loaded 178 de-valved acetylene cylinders into a second roll-off for disposal. It is scheduled to be shipped offsite June 28, 2018. A fact sheet has been approved by the RA's office and will be mailed out to 19 residences near the Site on June 27, 2018. The fact sheet will also be distributed to Franklin Township officials.

ORC and RAES visited the Site on June 26, 2018. RAES interviewed owner John Scully. ORC copied business record in an effort to develop a cost recovery case.

The Site will be demobilized June 29 – July 9, 2018.

#### **STANDARD CHLORINE JACOBUS - KEARNY, NJ - Glenn**

On June 23, 2018, a seasonal indoor air sampling event was conducted at the MAC Products facility. A total of twelve samples, including one ambient, were collected throughout Building B. Once received, EPA will review the analytical data, particularly for TCE, PCE, naphthalene and 1, 4-dichlorobenzene.

#### **SUPERIOR BARREL AND DRUM - ELK, NJ - Glenn**

EPA received a controlled correspondence from the White House. One of the larger PRPs identified as an arranger/generator submitted an electronic note to the President asking for intervention on EPA's request for payment. While the electronic correspondence is dated April 6, 2018, EPA was forwarded the communication in June 2018. ORC has drafted a response for submittal through the White House. RAB is reviewing the draft.

The next court date for the criminal proceedings is scheduled for August 2018.

#### **TECH CITY - ULSTER, NY – Graham**

A response to the Town of Ulster, which has requested EPA's assistance in resolving ongoing asbestos related issues at the Site, has been submitted for the Regional Administrator's signature.

EPA continues to work in coordination with NYSDOL, Ulster County and Tech City in resolving ongoing asbestos issues at the Site. Most recently, EPA and NYSDOL have requested that Tech City replace the damaged covers on the ACM debris piles; Tech City's asbestos contractor initiated and completed this task on June 22, 2018.

#### **TOOBRO CHEESE - LOWVILLE, NY – Gaughan**

EPA and the ERRS contractor returned to the Site on June 18, 2018 to implement the scope of work put forth in the RV2 Action Memoranda. EPA observed damage to locks on Building 1 and Building 2, and damage to plywood on side of Building 4, because of trespassers. Other buildings and areas appear untouched.

The two mercury areas were vacuumed again with a new mercury vacuum. All areas within the laboratory are below the action level of 3,000 ng/m<sup>3</sup>. Three areas within the loading dock of Building 4 are still above the action level and will be sealed with the epoxy sealant.

Most of the tanks have been emptied and decommissioned. Those with collected rain water were slowly emptied onto the ground surface to reduce runoff. Tank 12 within the laboratory building was emptied of the liquid acid and then the crystallized acid was emptied. The tank was wiped down and cut up for disposal. Additional liquids and sludge were located within Tank 7. These liquids were emptied and the sludge at the bottom was removed by hand and drummed for disposal. A large entry way was cut into Tank 7 to gain entry and remove the sludge. The entry way will be covered with metal to restrict access to the inside of the tank. Tanks 6 and 19 located within building 5 were emptied and the tanks cut up for disposal.

All non-hazardous debris (cut up tanks, drums, totes, etc.) were placed into two roll-offs for disposal. All mercury contaminated PPE was placed within drums and staged for disposal. All drums containing mercury switches, thermometers and collected mercury from the vacuum were staged for disposal.

T&D could not be accomplished this week as planned. The vacuum truck could not be arranged for the clean out of the sludge from Tank 8.

Remaining items include:

The fuel tank, reported empty by the NYSDEC, was observed to have approximately eight inches of material within it. This tank will be pumped out, pressure washed and decommissioned.

After Tank 1 was emptied of rain water, approximately 18 inches of sludge was located at the bottom. Tank 1 was cut open and the sludge material will be drummed for disposal and the tank will be pressure washed.

Tank 2 will be filled with concrete.

Hazardous debris was sampled and will be placed into a hazardous roll-off for disposal.

A vacuum truck will remove the sludge from Tank 8.

All disposal is scheduled to occur the week of July 9, 2018.

#### **VO-TOYS – HARRISON, NJ - Rosoff**

24-hour fire watch security at the Site started at the end of last week. The OSC visited the Site this week to confirm the fire watch operation.

#### **Events List:**

Event Name	Start Date	End Date	Region	Event Type	Description	City	State
Columbia Smelting and Refining	7/11/18	7/11/18		Public meeting	Start of construction	Brooklyn	NY
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**Milestone Tracker:**

Site	Milestone	Project Manager	Projected Date
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**Controlled Correspondence**

Site	Addressee	Control Number	Due Date	Status
Tech City Tech City (formally IBM Kingston), Enterprise Dr., Kingston (Town of Ulster), New York 12401 EPA Facility ID# NYD01359694	<b>Quigley, James E.</b>	<b>R2-18-000-5995-RA</b>	<b>June 15, 2018</b>	<b>Still pending</b>
Superior Barrel and Drum, Elk, NJ	Hamilton, Margaret A	AX-18-000-8453-WH	July 2, 2018	Still Pending